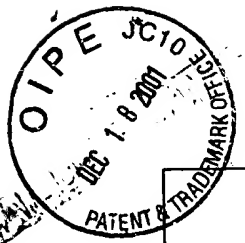


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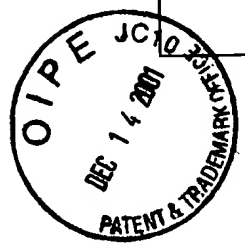
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned application.